

Remarks/Arguments

Applicants file this Response to a notice of restriction in response to the Examiner's Office Action of February 7, 2007, indicating that pending claims 1-33 are subject to a restriction requirement. Applicants file this Election of Species within the shortened statutory period for reply of one (1) month set in the Office Action.

The Examiner has required a restriction among the allegedly patentably distinct inventions defined by claims 1-24 (Invention I) and claims 25-33 (Invention II). Applicants hereby provisionally elect Invention I, namely claims 1-24, for prosecution in this application. Applicants reserve the right to pursue those claims deemed Invention II should the restriction requirement not be lifted.

This election is made with traverse. Applicants submit amended claim 25 which now recites the apparatus equivalent of the method defined by Invention I. Additionally, Applicants submit new claim 34 which depends on and further limit independent claim 25. A listing of claims is attached hereto. In view of this amendment and arguments, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 25-34 are not patentably distinct from claims 1-24. Applicants therefore request that the Restriction Requirement be removed in view of these amendments.

Applicants further submit that no amendments to inventorship are required.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge or credit any deficiency or overpayment to Deposit Account N°. 19-0615.

Respectfully submitted,

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